

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM MASTER AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MABAS SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION

WHEREAS, the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System ("MABAS") was organized beginning in 1968 in the northwest and western suburbs of Chicago, Illinois to coordinate and automate fire department mutual aid, based roughly on the Chicago Fire Department's box alarm system of predetermined resources assigned to respond to a specific incident or area; and

WHEREAS, since 1968, MABAS has grown into a multi-state organization to coordinate responses to fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous material, technical rescue, and other emergencies and disasters through prearranged mutual aid and dispatch agreements; and

WHEREAS, MABAS is designed to facilitate all levels of mutual aid from day-to-day automatic aid responses to major incidents and disasters requiring significant deployment of resources; and

WHEREAS, MABAS member Units include all-volunteer fire departments to major cities fire departments such as Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, since the last revision of the master MABAS Intergovernmental Agreement in about 1988, MABAS has grown exponentially to its current composition of almost 1200 Illinois units and 2200 total units in Illinois and several adjoining states; and

WHEREAS, it is the express intent of member units that the MABAS agreement be in a form which can be adopted by units in different states where units may lawfully enter into agreements providing for their mutual aid and protection; and

WHEREAS, even if the MABAS Agreement does not specifically cite the applicable current legal authority for a particular state and its member units, the lack of such citation shall not be construed in any manner as an impediment to or prohibition of units from other states from joining MABAS; and

WHEREAS, it is also the express intent of the member units that all units adopt the same intergovernmental agreement without modification; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, 1970, Article VII, Section 10, authorizes units of local government to contract or otherwise associate among themselves, with the State, with other States and their units of local government, and with the United States to obtain and share services and to exercise, combine, or transfer any power or function in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and to further contract or otherwise associate with individuals, associations, and corporations in any manner not prohibited by law or ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*, provides that any power or powers, privileges, or authority exercised or which may be exercised by a unit of local government may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other unit of local government including units of local government from another state; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/5, provides that any one or more public agencies may contract with any one or more public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which any of the public agencies entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform, provided that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park (“Village”) have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to enter into the attached MABAS Intergovernmental Agreement to secure to each the benefits of mutual aid in fire protection, firefighting, rescue, emergency medical services, and other activities for the protection of life and property from an emergency or disaster and to provide for communications procedures, training, and other necessary functions to further the provision of said protection of life and property from an emergency or disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Approval of Agreement and Authorization of Execution. The Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement (“Agreement”) approved by the MABAS Executive Board on October 12, 2022 is approved and the Village Manager and the Village Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution. All ordinances, resolutions, or adopted motions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 2023, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Buchanan				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Parakkat				
Trustee Robinson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 16th day of October, 2023.

Vicki Scaman, Village President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk